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## Crazy Quilters Quilt Guild

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### From The President

Donna Gasser

We have been having beautiful weather, comfortable temperatures, spring popping, and people coming outside to enjoy it all. I've met a few new neighbors in my apartment complex and on the Jordan Creek Trail. I also had the delightful opportunity to spend a few hours with Alexandra, Sam's baby.

Projects always abounded when I owned a house in Slatington. In my apartment, things are a bit slower. I call for repairs if needed and head outside with my dog a few times a day for a walk. Inside I have a few sewing projects going for myself and for Bingo. Nancy Scholz and I laid out a display board for our Bingo at our last Sit & Sew. We need a few more pictures if any of you have them of meetings, events, maybe Summer Sit and Sews, groups of charity projects ready to go. I know someone took photos of the Kentucky Quilts going out. If you have any photos past or present that we may be able to use, email to Nancy or I.

I am looking forward to our May speaker—Laura Loewen—and her information on using your phone camera for photographing your quilts. I know for a fact that I do not use everything available on my iPhone. I am always amazed when my grandson shows me this or that on my phone to make my life easier. The camera I use for quick shots for sure, but I know there are a lot of tools and settings I am afraid to touch to get better light intensity, better centering, better focus. So bring your phone to play with it and enjoy the speaker!

### *The Crazy Quilters Quilt Guild*

meets the first Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m.

at Calvary Baptist Church-Allentown

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### Guild Officers

President: Donna Gasser

Vice-President: Vicki Pede

Secretary: Nancy Ayers

Treasurer: Pat Wolfe

Programming Officer: Nicole Folino

Membership Officer: Karen Hartzell & Linda Green

### Guild Calendar

**Monthly Guild Meeting:** Tuesday, May 2nd, 7 p.m.,  
Calvary Baptist Church (CBC) Allentown

**Sit & Sew:** Saturday May 6th & 20th, 10 am – 4:30 pm  
Faith Presbyterian Church, Emmaus



## Programs

Nicole Folino



**May 2nd Lecture** is Laura Loewen: **Quilt Photography in Your Pocket.** Don't have a 'fancy' camera but still want quality quilt photos? Learn the best tips and tricks for taking quilt photos on your iPhone. Discover where and when to take photos, how to edit, get app recommendations and demonstrations on how to get the most from your cell phone photos. All guild members welcome. *Laura is the current MQG Modern Monthly photographer and has practiced photography professionally for over 10 years.*

**June 6th:** Preserve Your Quilts

## Better Done than Perfect

Lorraine Bujnowski

Continue to bring in your finished UFO's for guild members to see your lovely quilts!



## Community Service

Janet Yandrisevits & Mercedes Gurniak

Thank you to everyone who attended the April meeting and shared your enthusiasm and creative talents in beginning to put together some youth sized quilts that we will be donating to Family Promise of Lehigh Valley and/or Turning Point of Lehigh Valley. It was a special evening of camaraderie that we will be looking to build upon for the future.

Twice (!) this week, I have driven to pick up completed pillowcases and have dropped off a total of 400 pillowcases to Lehigh Valley Hospital Pediatric Sleep Disorders Clinic on behalf of Ryan's Cases for Smiles. It is wonderful to help the organization that continues to be a great support to our Guild as we work together to help brighten the lives of others in our extended Community.

## Quilters Studio

Julie Borden

Hello quilting friends! Quilters Studio will be on hiatus for May & June (no meeting in July). If you have any great ideas you'd like to learn more about or be willing to share a new technique you have, send them my way. I am always looking for great ideas and great teachers. See you in August.





Please mark your calendars for our first Quilt Bingo which will be held at the Fearless Fire Company in Allentown on **Sunday, September 10, 2023** beginning at 1:00; doors will open at noon. At our January meeting, some ideas of items you can donate were provided. IF you have any kinds of items already, feel free to bring them along to any meeting. The baskets we will put together to entice folks to buy tickets to win them may be either sewing related or non-sewing related.

We will have some ideas to show you at our May meeting! Please know that Jane Merkel is heading this portion of the bingo and will accept tricky tray donations at any meeting. Just seek her out at any meeting! Believe me, the sky's the limit! Already, many quilts have been offered to us and we thank you all for your kind donations. Our current number of the donated quilts for Bingo is twelve and we need 25 by August 1st. I already know of at least 4 more that are in the midst of completion! The committee continues to meet each month and brings all of your suggestions to our discussion. Please note that we are more than open to using any of the Simple Whatnots that do not have homes already; we do have a few already! Tickets will be available for sign-out or purchase at our May meeting. My advice is DON'T WAIT TOO LONG because tickets could sell out quickly! Remember that pre-sale price is \$25.00. Should you have any questions at all, feel free to ask them at our May meeting and we will try our best to answer them. Again, since this will be our only fundraiser for 2023, we are hoping that it is really successful for our guild and YOU are the determining factor in that.

### **TRICKY TRAY THOUGHTS !**

THE TRICKY TRAY PORTION OF OUR QUILT BINGO PARTY ADDS AN ADDITIONAL FUND RAISING ELEMENT TO OUR SEPTEMBER 10, 2023, DAY. CARDS WITH 25-26 TICKETS USUSALLY SELL FOR \$10 EACH. IF THE ITEMS ARE APPEALING, THEY ENCOURAGE SALES ALL BY THEMSELVES.

WE ARE HOPING TO "CREATE" 25-30 BASKETS THAT WILL APPEAL TO OUR ATTENDEES. AS YOU WILL SEE FROM OUR SUGGESTIONS, THEY NEED NOT ALL BE QUILTER ORIENTED. THESE IDEAS WERE SUGGESTED TO ME OR THEY ARE ITEMS I HAVE SEEN AT OTHER TRICKY TRAY EVENTS. YOU NEED NOT SUPPLY ALL ITEMS FOR A BASKET, WE WILL GATHER WHAT YOU WANT TO DONATE AND THE COMMITTEE WILL FORMULATE THE BASKETS. EACH BASKET WILL BE TICKETED WITH THE ITEMS INCLUDED.

### BASKET IDEAS:

1. Pamper Yourself (fragrant soap, aromatic scents, a loofah sponge, massage certificate etc.).
2. Pampered Chef items.
3. Entertainment Basket (tickets to a movie, play, or other local event).
4. Gardener's Basket (tools, lawn decorations, miracle grow, plants, etc.).
5. Wine and Cheese Basket
6. Healthy Basket (herbal teas, tea cups, napkins, honey, etc.)
7. Cookie Cutter Basket (all types of cookie cutters, ingredients for recipes, fancy molds etc.)
8. Children's Basket (coloring books, reading books, crayons, etc.)
9. Game Basket (any fun games, popcorn, etc.)
10. Patriotic Basket (fabric, flags, placemats, etc.)
11. Ideas for Quilting Baskets, themed by season (Christmas, Halloween) etc.



ITEMS DESIRABLE BUT NOT LIMITED TO: Fabric fat quarters, 5 inch square packages, layer cakes, jelly rolls, panels, sewing notions, pins, clips, scissors, unused patterns, books, rulers, etc. homemade table runners, place mats, table toppers, jellies and jams. YOUR DONATIONS WILL GRATEFULLY BE ACCEPTED AT ALL MEETINGS OR CALL JANE MERKEL.

## **Simple Whatnots**

Suzanne Nelson

Spring has definitely arrived, and perhaps that can inspire some of our fabric choices for upcoming Simple Whatnot projects. It's pretty hard to resist the cheerful yellow of daffodils and the soft pink of cherry blossoms. To help keep us on track, here is a schedule for our upcoming projects. As always, no worries if you lag behind. Catch up if you want to and when you can. Thanks to all for being a part of this group. The way I see it, we are making the world a more colorful place, one small quilt at a time.

Slightly Tipsy, page 49. We decided to put this one on hold since it contains 140 1-1/2 inch appliqué blocks. However, I will admit that I prepped all the pieces and took this with me for my two month stay in California. It turned out to be a very easy and very soothing handwork project and I was able to finish all those pieces at a leisurely pace. I have completed the quilt and will have it on hand for the May meeting. Maybe that will inspire you to take this project on a vacation trip this summer?

Frugal Farm Wife, page 55

April: work on in your sewing room

May: share with guild at our meeting

Windswept Pincushion: page 59

May: work on in your sewing room

June: share with guild at our meeting

This and That: page 65

June: work on in your sewing room

July: share with guild at our meeting

## **2023 Quilt Challenge -- Hearts**

Irene Oehmke

Rules for the Challenge:

Your quilt must have a heart somewhere on the front surface other than just in the quilting. It can be a heart or heart print fabric.

Quilt must be started during this calendar year-2023

The challenge is open to guild members only

There will be four (4) categories:

Large — (40X40 or larger)

Small — (less than 40X40)

Other — Wearable Art clothing, placemats, totes and bags, etc

Original — This is for any quilted item that is your original design and not purchased or otherwise copied from someone else. This is your opportunity to let your creativity shine.



Our challenge will culminate in an exhibit and competition of all completed entries on January 8, 2024. If you have any questions please contact Irene Oehmke.

## Hospitality

Diana DeFanti

Many thanks to the members who provided our healthy snacks for the meeting. They were Susan Marin, Lorraine Bujnowski, Kathryn Laposata, and Karen Rush.

May members who signed up to bring an item are: Kim Bringham, Linda Anderson, Linda Green and Linda Griest. A reminder will be sent prior to the May meeting.

## Sit 'n Sew

Linda Wojciechowski



Mark your calendar for May 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at Faith Presbyterian Church, Emmaus. Bring your quilt project, sewing machine and quilting supplies, your lunch and a \$7 donation for the church. And don't forget an extension cord and light. An iron and ironing board are provided, but you may also bring a small iron for use at your station.

**Text or call me by noon the day before to reserve your spot,** and please be prepared to help set up and store tables. I look forward to seeing you there!

## Library Trolley News and Notes

Michele McLaughlin

Roberta Whitcomb has volunteered to bring the raffle gift for May! Thank you Roberta!

We are trying a change for the Library Trolley. Instead of bringing all the suitcases to each meeting, we are asking you to email Michele McLaughlin to request a book. The suitcases are very heavy and there hasn't been much interest in members checking books out. Michele will arrange to have the book brought to the next meeting, providing you request the book in advance.

## Sunshine and Shadows

Our condolences go out to Julie McDonell and family on the passing of her mother, [Frances](#) on April 19<sup>th</sup>. (Click on her name to be directed to the obituary.)

## Membership

Karen Hartzell & Linda Green

We had 38 members present at our April meeting. We have updated our membership list and at this time we have 77 members in our guild.

Happy  
Birthday

Dawn Martrich 5/12  
Sandra Mugridge 5/28

## Committees



**Challenge:** Irene Oehmke  
**Community Service:** Janet Yandrisevits and Mercedes Gurniak  
**Communication Chain:** Diane Pesola  
**Historical:** Kathy Moore  
**Hospitality:** Diana DeFanti  
**Library:** Michele McLaughlin and Dawn Martrich  
**Newsletter:** Karen Rush  
**Publicity:** Linda Wojciechowski  
**Quilters Studio:** Julie Borden  
**Retreat:** Sandy O'Conner  
**Show and Tell:** Sam Cetrulo and Lizzie Riccaboni  
**Sit & Sew:** Linda Wojciechowski  
**Sunshine and Shadows:** Lizzie Riccaboni  
**Website:** Nancy Scholz  
**Technology:** Kim Bringhurst, Katrina Idelman, Cathleen Kilpatrick, Jane Merkel, Vicki Pede  
**Fundraising & Ways & Means:** Vicki Pede, Donna Gasser, Julie McDonnell, Sue Marin, Pat Piasecki, Jane Merkel, Phillis Walden

## Free!

Sometime ago one of our members bought a 20 lb. Box of The Original Poly-fil premium polyester fiber fill when we were making breast pillows for our Community Service projects. We still have quite a bit of it left and if anyone can use it in some of their projects, please let me know. I'll be happy to bring it to our Guild meeting for you. I have put it in smaller bags with about one pound in each so more than one person can use it. Call me, Judy Walker, or text me if interested. Thanks, Judy

## Upcoming Events:

Presented by The Colonial Quilters Guild

# Quilt BINGO

**Sunday May 7, 2023**

Doors open at Noon  
Games Start at 1:00

**TICKETS ARE LIMITED!**

\$25 in Advance \$30 at the Door

FOR TICKETS CALL  
Michele 484-894-7128 or Vicki 908-310-3526

**Lunch/Refreshments Available**  
American Legion  
2260 Corriere Rd. Easton, PA  
*Tricky Tray, too!*

20  
GAMES!

5 SPECIALS!

**May 6 & 7, 2023**



Our guild will once again be offering the Global Quilt Connection All Star Sampler events. **The .pdf from each teacher and links to the sessions will be sent to the guild as soon as they are available.**

**Deadline for the next newsletter is May 21st.**